



Minutes approved 01-19-22

AdHoc ARPA Committee

Jury Commission Room

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 5:52 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Graff, Bill Atkins, Mindy Darcy, Mike Harris, Kim Joesting, Greg Longfellow, Greg Menold

Others Attending: Wendy Ferrill, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY ATKINS, SECOND BY DARCY** to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Graff had provided information to Committee members from Bellwether in regards to questions asked.

Standing committees had been asked to report back to this Committee on different portions of this plan. Property was to look at buildings, Finance to look at shortfalls, HR to look into hazard pay. Those are all in process at this time. Chairman Graff advised that he had learned that lost revenue has to be looked at as an entire county.

Broadband is back to the table. County Board Chairman, David Zimmerman, advised this is a restricted area where these funds can be spent. Zimmerman reported on Starlink. The initial kit is \$500 and then \$99 per month for service. Funds can be used to provide initial kits to those in our rural communities but monthly service would not be the County's responsibility.

Committee members discussed community service agencies for funding grants. The overall consensus was to prioritize and work through the larger dollar options first.

Unfinished business opened the discussion on funding investment. Treasurer Burress talked with several banks and learned that keeping it local was best.

MOTION **MOTION BY ATKINS, SECOND BY DARCY** to approve the Treasurer moving 7 million to a CD.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Committee began discussions on building use. Chairman Graff said his suggestion would be to hire a consultant particularly for public safety and formulate a plan to get that process started. Property Committee will explore.

Chairman Graff recessed the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)